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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO VENEZUELA

1. A HIGH LEVEL COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT MISSION, HEADED BY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS MANUEL CASTILLO, DEPARTED TODAY FOR A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENTS HERE, SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDE: COPPER DEVELOPMENT; DEFENSE OF SUGAR PRICES; MECHANISMS FOR PETROLEUM OFFSET PAYMENTS; POSSIBLE DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN COSTA RICA; TRANSFER OF COFFEE RETENTION FUNDS; CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL REFINERY AND PIPELINE IN COSTA RICA; SUPPLY OF PETROCHEMICAL INPUTS FOR PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COSTA RICA; AND POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN FINANCING FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING A FISHING INDUSTRY, INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION COUNCIL AND THE OPENING OF THE VENEZUELAN MARKET TO COSTA RICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, SUCH AS MEAT.

2. REGARDING "DEFENSE OF SUGAR PRICES," CASTILLO SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO CONSULT WITH VENEZUELA ON THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANT MATTER PRIOR TO THE SUGAR CONFERENCE THAT WILL

TAKE PLACE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT THE END OF APRIL."

3. REGARDING COPPER, CASTILLO SAID THAT THE MISSION  
WOULD TALK TO VENEZUELA CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT  
OF COPPER, UTILIZING IMPORTANT DEPOSITS OF THIS MINERAL  
EXISTING IN COSTA RICA. HE SAID THAT COSTA RICA  
HAD ALREADY TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS MATTER WITH  
THE MEXICANS. CASTILLO ADDED THAT VERY INTERESTING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION IN EXTRACTING AND PROCES-  
SING COPPER EXIST IN THE CARIBBEAN.

4. IN ADDITION TO CASTILLO, THE COSTA RICAN MISSION  
WILL CONSIST OF FINANCE MINISTER PORFIRIO MORERA, ECONOMY  
MINISTER JORGE SANCHEZ, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT BERNAL  
JIMENEZ, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR RODOLFO QUIROS GUARDIA,  
RECOPE REFINERY DIRECTOR ERNESTO MACAYA AND ENGINEER  
TEOFILO DE LA TORRE OF THE COSTA RICAN ELECTRICITY  
INSTITUTE WHO IS ALSO COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL  
ALUMINUM COMMISSION. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES VISITS TO  
THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM PLANTS AT PUERTO ORDAZ, THE GURI  
DAM AND MARGARITA ISLAND.

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